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Principal Statistics 2015

Gross Value of Outputs ($'000)	
Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	3,260,228
Aquaculture production	967,441
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues	5,264,756
Employment (number of persons)	
Commercial fish harvesters and crew	42,507
Aquaculture	3,316
Seafood product preparation & packaging	26,396
Commercial Seafisheries	
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	837,746
Total value of landings ($'000)	3,196,060
Commercial Freshwater Fisheries	
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	27,965
Total value of landings ($'000)	64,168
International Trade Statistics ($'000)	
Total value of fish and seafood exports (2016)	6,551,382
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2016)	3,769,459
Trade balance	2,781,923

Aquaculture production, Seafood processing, and International Trade statistics are sourced from Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 23-222-X, CANSIM 301-0008 and the Canadian International Merchandise Trade Database.

Landings and Production Statistics, 2015

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries[1]	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of registered fishing vessels[2]	2,396	114	15,400	17,910
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	149,779	27,965	687,967	865,711
Total value of landings ($'000)	355,833	64,168	2,840,228	3,260,229
Aquaculture				
Number of aquaculture establishments	222	157	503	882
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	102,385	4,890	78,369	187,374
Total value of production ($'000)	x	25,400	389,797	967,441

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2010

	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of active adult anglers	514,329	1,860,767	912,507	3,287,603
Fishing effort ('000 days fished)	5,868	24,775	12,698	43,340
Harvest ('000 fish kept)	3,998	26,715	31,999	62,711
Direct expenditures ($'000)	614,757	1,341,143	563,533	2,519,433
Direct investments ($'000)	663,214	1,415,029	873,979	2,952,223

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1. Atlantic: Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec. Inland: Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and territories: Pacific: British Columbia.
2. Inland vessel count is for Ontario Great Lakes only.

Commercial Seafisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2015

	Atlantic	*Pacific*	*Canada*
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	**687,967**	**149,779**	**837,746**
Groundfish	82,330	87,049	169,379
Pelagics	160,709	44,491	205,200
Shellfish	430,455	18,240	448,695
Other	14,472	0	14,472
Total Value of Landings ($'000)	**2,840,228**	**355,833**	**3,196,060**
Groundfish	216,132	146,379	362,511
Pelagics	101,670	68,634	170,304
Shellfish	2,507,190	140,820	2,648,010
Other	15,235	0	15,235

Aquaculture Production, 2015

	Volume (metric tonnes)	*Value ($'000)*	*Main Producing Province*
Salmon	121,926	668,655	British Columbia
Trout	7,062	40,264	Ontario
Steelhead	718	2,495	British Columbia
Other finfish	1,177	14,406	Nova Scotia
Clams	2,402	9,160	British Columbia
Oysters	11,153	36,547	British Columbia
Mussels	22,725	43,342	Prince Edward Island
Scallops	31	314	British Columbia
Other shellfish	32	223	Quebec
Total Aquaculture	**187,374**	**967,441**	

Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Aquaculture Industry, Catalogue no. 23-222-x

Figures may not add up due to rounding

International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2015 and 2016

Top Product Exports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes) 2015	Volume (metric tonnes) 2016	Value ($'000) 2015	Value ($'000) 2016
Lobster	82,871	83,752	2,033,547	2,148,407
Atlantic Salmon	84,459	95,201	676,698	966,841
Snow/Queen Crab	53,051	47,732	720,445	809,675
Shrimp	85,864	66,094	562,757	465,327
Scallop	8,286	5,991	201,685	178,931
Total Exports, All Species	**621,480**	**639,465**	**5,972,270**	**6,551,382**

Top Product Imports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes) 2015	Volume (metric tonnes) 2016	Value ($'000) 2015	Value ($'000) 2016
Shrimp	54,229	51,097	640,322	633,314
Lobster	30,542	31,700	419,830	436,185
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	35,686	34,663	189,262	191,006
Sockeye Salmon	13,471	16,755	137,177	162,671
Atlantic Salmon	6,038	12,018	49,005	119,027
Total Imports, All Species	**509,725**	**530,584**	**3,515,862**	**3,769,459**

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